[Shri Prithibi Majhi]

attitude of the Government towards tribals.

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH (West Bengal): The special mention should have come before 23rd.

SHRI PRITHIBI MAJHI: Sir, Santhal language is a rich language having its script named 'Ol Ciki' which starts developing from 1925. The population of Santhals in West Bengal is the largest amongst tribals. Sir, this is a serious matter. I urge upon the Government to think over the implementation of the policy of imparting education to tribal children in their mother tongue in primary stage. I, therefore, request and demand, through you, Sir, that the Government should give directions not only to the State of West Bengal but also to other States of our country where tribal people are residing in large proportion to follow up the policy and to be liberal in implementing and imparting education to tribal children in their mother tongue and build them as good citizens of our country. Let them also taste the fruits of democracy, let them also take part in the unity and integrity of our country.

Lastly, Sir, I would like to quote what Lenin says in regard to development of language. He says, I quote:

> "Whoever does not recognise and champion the equality of nations and languages, and does not fight against all national oppression or inequality, is not a Marxist; he is not even a democrat."

And this is what our late Prime Minister, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru has said, I quote:

> "One should not try to suppress a language, one has to be as liberal as possible. One should not try to coerce any body into a language as far as possible. Whenever an attempt has been made to suppress a language or coerce the people into some other language, there has been trouble".

SHRI V. GOPALSAMY (Tamil Nadu): I support him, it is a national question.

MR. CHAIRMAN: May I take the permission of the House to allow introduction of a Bill first and then proceed with the special mentions? Mr. Dhillon will move the Bill for introduction.

THE COCONUT DEVELOPMENT BOARD (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1987

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI G. S. DHILLON): Sir, I move for leave to introduce a Bill to amend the Coconut Development Board Act, 1979.

The question was put and the motion was adopted.

SHRI G. S. DHILLON: Sir, I introduce the Bill.

REFERENCE TO THE GOVERNMENT'S DECISION TO CLOSE DOWN GOVERNMENT OF INDIA PRINTING PRESSES AT CALCUTTA, SENTRAGACHI AND SHIMLA

SHRI SUKOMAL SEN (West Bengal): Sir, the Government of India has decided to close down Government of India press units at Sentragachi, Calcutta and Shimla, functioning in this country. The position regarding the Stationery Department is under consideration. The plea taken by the Government is that of streamlining the working of the Government of India Presses and to make them economically viable. It is also being done, they say, as part of a process of shedding non-essential activities by the Government presses.

These three presses have been there for the last hundred years and the employees' unions working in these presses having been demanding replacement of old machines, modernisation of the presses with new printing technology, stopping of outside printing, full utilization of the production capacity which will go up with the technological improvement. As a measure of developing the functions of the Government presses, the Central Government itself sanctioned in 1982 a sum of